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4.5 percent



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NEWS BRIEFS

Jean Jennings Bartik dies

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Northwest Missouri State University legend Jean Jennings Bartik died March 23 at age 86.

Bartik graduated from Northwest in 1945 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

She was known for her work, with a team of six women, on the world's first electronic computer in 1945. The Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer was designed for the U.S. Army to calculate artillery-firing tables during World War II.

Bartik has left her mark on the programming industry and the University. Some of that legacy can be seen in the Jean Jennings Bartik Computing Museum located on the second floor and the basement of the B.D. Owens Library, where the University has pieces from the original ENIAC on loan from the Smithsonian.

Student Senate elections open

By Trey Williams
News Editor

With the end of the school year closing in, Student Senate begins the application process to find the executive board members for the 2011-2012 school year.

If interested in influencing campus decisions, applications are available on the Student Senate website, www.nwmissouri.edu/studentaffairs/ssenate. Candidates can run for more than one office.

All students are eligible for candidacy as long as they complete the online application and attend one of three Elections Commission Policy meetings. The dates and times for the meetings are as follows:

8 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the Union, meeting room B.

8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the Campus Activities Office next to Freshens.

Voting for candidates will start 8 a.m. April 11 and end April 15. Students will be able to vote on CatPAWS. During the voting week, members from the Elections Commission will be in the Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer any questions and provide information to students looking to vote.



SENIOR POST GENTRY Dietz sheds tears after the 'Cats' 89-78 loss to Michigan Tech Wednesday, March 23. Dietz was named to the all-tournament team Friday.

HISTORIC SEASON ENDS



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JUNIOR FORWARD TARA Roach pumps her fist after a Northwest rally in their Final Four match-up against Michigan Tech. Michigan Tech shot 60 percent behind the three-point line during the second half in their '89-78 win over the 'Cats.

Women fall to Michigan Tech in semifinal game

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

When Gene Steinmeyer first saw senior post Kyla Roehrig practice, he knew his team had a chance to do something special.

Northwest's first trip to the Final Four and 29 wins later, the most successful basketball season in school history came to an end. But the pain of being so close lingers with Steinmeyer.

"We're starting to sit back and relax and a lot of people are emailing us and stuff, so that's all nice," Steinmeyer said. "But it's a little hard to get the hole out of your stomach – that you were that close and you didn't get the chance to grab it."

"It was a lot of fun," Roehrig said. "It was a team that we bonded on and off the court. I've never seen that before. All of us – I could call any of

The list of individual

“It's a little hard to get the hole out of your stomach – that you were that close and you didn't get the chance to grab it.”

head coach

Gene Steinmeyer

Season accomplishments

-First women's regional title

-First final four trip in school history

-Most wins in program history (29)

-Gene Steinmeyer – MIAA and NCAA South Central Regional Coach of the Year*

-Gabby Curtis – First team All-American*, MIAA Player of the Year*, NCAA South Central Regional Tournament Most Outstanding Player, First team All-MIAA, First team South Central Region

-Kyla Roehrig – Honorable Mention All-American*, MIAA Defensive Player of the Year*, MIAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, NCAA South Central Regional All-Tournament Team, First team All-MIAA, First team NCAA South Central Region, school record 99 blocks and 391 Rebounds.

-Gentry Dietz – Third team All-MIAA, Elite Eight All-Tournament team*, MIAA All-Tournament team, NCAA South Central Regional All-Tournament team.

-Abby Henry – Second team All-MIAA, school record 146 free throws made

-Shelly Martin – MIAA All-Tournament team, school record 83 3-pointers made

*= Northwest first

Elliott resigns to be North Arkansas College president

By Trey Williams
News Editor

On June 24, Jackie Elliott will leave the Northwest campus after five years to take the presidency at North Arkansas College.

Elliott came to Northwest in 2006 and has served as the vice president of Student Affairs for four years.

"I'm sad to close this chapter at Northwest," Elliott said.

Although Elliott is leav-

ing, she leaves on good terms, having provided a lot of positives for the University and students, according to President John Jasinski.

While at Northwest, Elliott has overseen the offices of Auxiliary Services, Campus Activities, the Dean of Students, Dining Services, International Affairs, Residential Life, Textbook Services, the University Bookstore and student organizations.

"Jackie is a true student advocate, not just listening to students' needs, but executing," Jasinski said. "She has been a real, real solid voice for students around the leadership table."



Jackie Elliott
Vice President of Student Affairs

Jasinski said that he is excited for Elliott and the opportunity to be able to cooperate and work with Elliott in her new role.

"You have to celebrate and say congrats, thank you for your great work as a Bearcat... but she will certainly go on and do great things at Arkansas, so we're really pleased for Jackie," Jasinski said.

With 21 years working in higher education, Elliott said she thinks that she

is ready and experienced enough to really have an effect in her new position.

"This is my fourth in-

stitution, and at all I've had the opportunity to oversee all aspects of the university," Elliott said.

She also said how well of a fit North Arkansas College is for her because of the similarities to Northwest and the opportunities for growth.

"I'm really looking forward to start new and grow

programs," Elliott said. "I have a great opportunity to meet the needs of students."

The University currently has no plans to begin looking for someone to fill Elliott's position when she leaves.

"She's here till late June so we have some time to talk, listen and think about a decision," Jasinski said.

Elliott is leaving to become Northark's third president and the first woman.

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Board of Regents approves tuition raise for next year

By Trey Williams and Philip Gruenwald
News Editor and Associate Editor

Met with a budget shortfall resulting from sinking state appropriations and the pressure to finally raise faculty and staff salaries, the Board of Regents weighed student means over University needs on Tuesday. They compromised at a 4.5 percent increase

for in-state undergraduate students and a 6 percent increase for out-of-state and all graduate students.

Under these revisions, in-state students would pay \$247.80 per credit hour and out-of-state students would pay \$443.23 beginning in the fall.

This is a rejection of the Finance Committee's proposal of a

6.2 percent increase for resident undergraduate students and a 5.2 percent increase for non-resident undergraduate students and for graduate students. Yet after seven failed motions, five hours of discussions and three 10-minute recesses, the board reached their decision.

"It's never easy when you get these kind of decisions and you

look at protecting students and family interest, protecting institutional quality, protecting institutional integrity - so very, very difficult times and very difficult decisions," Northwest President John Jasinski said.

For resident undergraduate students, 2.7 percent of the hike would be implemented this year after state legislation booked it

from last year when there was no tuition increase. This was due to Governor Jay Nixon's promise that tuition would not need to be increased, thanks to S.B. 389.

This 4.5 percent raise is the first increase students have seen in two years. However, faculty and staff had gone three years without

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Fraternity sponsors clothing drive

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

The men of Phi Sigma Kappa worked together to gather clothing this week in an effort to help support Planet-Aid, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the homeless and members of the community in need.

The fraternity collected 1,537 items of clothing last year that included pants, shoes and socks that were taken to the collection bin in St. Joseph, Mo. The clothes are taken to Jesse James Last Stop, where they are then given to Planet-Aid.

Nate Tucker, Phi Sigma Kappa president, says that the fraternity hopes to collect as many donations as

last year, if not more, this time around. He says this clothing drive is just one way the fraternity helps give back.

"This is our big spring event for the year," Tucker said, "We always host it after spring break so students can go home and collect any unused items they want to donate. This is our way of trying to help and give back."

Phi Sigma Kappa donates to Planet-Aid once a year, along with focusing on their philanthropy, the Special Olympics. The fraternity hosts two big events, one per semester, to help support various different organizations give back to the community.

Vice President Patrick Laky says that a majority

of the clothing items are donated by the campus community and the members of the fraternity work hard to spread the word around campus.

"We get a lot of campus involvement with this clothing drive," Laky said, "We try to get people to spread the word and have done a lot of PR in order to collect as many items as we can."

With the help of the campus community, the fraternity hopes to gather as many items possible to help those in need. With the help of Jesse James Last Stop and Planet-Aid, Phi Sigma Kappa hopes to encourage students to donate any extra clothing items they have to the designated areas on campus.

Block, Bridle to host first cattle show

By Ashley Herring
Missourian Reporter

Northwest's animal science club, Block and Bridle, will host their first individually run cattle show April 2. The show will be at the Northwest Missouri State Fairgrounds in Bethany, Mo.

The first show Block and Bridle held was in co-operation with Tarkio, Mo.'s Future Farmers of America group.

Block and Bridle is an organization on campus

targeted at animal science majors or anyone with an interest in animal science.

This year, Block and Bridle encourages young adults, 21 years of age and younger, to participate by presenting their project. Those involved in FFA or 4H may choose Beef as their project, in which case they would present a cattle or calf that he or she has trained, groomed and cared for at cattle shows.

"It gives us an opportunity to put on a show that is ethical and gives kids an

opportunity to show the work they have done caring for a calf, engage in friendly competition and network with kids who have the same interests as they do," Kayley Reedy, Block and Bridle member said. "It also markets Northwest to kids who may look at us later down the road when they are researching colleges and remember the show we put on and how much they enjoyed it."

The show will include

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PHI BETA SIGMA PAGEANT



DARRELL LONG | VISUAL JOURNALIST

THE FIRST LADY of Phi Beta Sigma Pageant took place March 17 in the Charles Johnston Theater. Montoya Lucas (far right) took first place, Ariana Simmons (middle) was second runner up, and Andrea Goering took third.

Weekend Events

Apr. 1 Friday

All Day

- April Fool's Day
- District Music Contest
- KXCV Spring New Member Drive
- Last day to cancel fall housing contract without fees (residence halls)
- Northwest Dance Company Spring Show
- Phi Sigma Kappa Planet-Aid Clothes Drive
- Tickets on Sale - Hot 8 Brass Band - Administration Building

2:00 pm

- Men's & Women's Tennis at Newman, Tulsa, Oklahoma

3:00 pm

- Softball at Pittsburg State, Pittsburg, Kan.

4:00 pm

- Baseball at Missouri Western, St. Joseph

Apr. 2 Saturday

All Day

- Greek Week

- Track & Field, Northwest Open - Bearcat Stadium

8:00 am

- C-BASE - Colden Hall

8:30 am

- Educational Leadership Comprehensive Examinations - Everett W. Brown Education Hall

8:30 am

- Educational Leadership Comprehensive Examinations - Kansas City Center

8:30 am

- Men's & Women's Tennis at Arkansas-Fort Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma

9:00 am

- MS-ACS Comprehensive Exam

12:00 pm

- Softball at Missouri Southern, Joplin, Mo.

12:30 pm

- Field Study Defense Seminar - Kansas City Center

1:00 pm

- Baseball at Missouri Western, St. Joseph

2:30 pm

- Men's & Women's Tennis at Dallas Baptist (Texas), Tulsa, Oklahoma

Apr. 3 Sunday

All Day

- College of Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

- Greek Week

- Mortar Board Sophomore/Faculty Tea Ceremony

12:00 pm

- Baseball at Missouri Western, St. Joseph

5:00 pm

- Senior Recital: Kara Rieger, Piano - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

7:00 pm

- Newman Catholic Center Mass - Newman Catholic Center

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LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

OUTBACK EMPLOYEE CODY Lanus talks about the attack the morning of March 18. Lanus was assaulted by three Northwest football players, who are charged with second degree assault and burglary.

Outback brawl leads to arrests

By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

Three former Bearcat football players are faced with felony charges after a confrontation at the World Famous Outback Bar in Maryville.

Graylon Sanders, Thomas Jones and Christopher Tate are charged with second-degree assault and burglary after attacking Outback employee Cody Lanus at 1:30 am March 13, according to Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood.

Sanders, Jones and Tate were taken into custody on March 13, for municipal mis-

demeanors. The three men were released from custody later that day.

On March 25, the charges were changed from misdemeanors to felonies and Sanders, Tate and Jones were taken into custody Sunday on a \$10,000 bond.

"After the extent of (Lanus's) injuries were clear, it was decided to upgrade the charges," Wood said.

All three men posted bond on Monday. Their court date is set for April 5.

Lanus claims on March 13 three women called for his attention and said two men were

disturbing them. Lanus then informed the group the bar was closing and they needed to leave.

"We had an exchange of words, and before I knew it Graylon had punched me in the face. I then proceeded to take him to the ground and then several of his friends approached me so I backed away," Lanus said.

According to Lanus, at that point, he tried to remove himself from the situation. Lanus says he then saw a man on top of Outback owner Anthony

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City businesses prosper despite student break

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

Spring break is a time to sit back and relax, whether it is on your parents' sofa or Panama City Beach; most take the effort to get out of town for their week-long mid-semester break.

For some, though, the break consists of staying contently put in Maryville, where the town, contrary to popular belief, does still function without classes in session.

Matt LeCerf, city manager, takes pride in the town's business leaders' effort to create and make up for lost revenue when the majority of the 7,000 students at Northwest flee for alternate destinations for the better part of a week.

"The business owners are savvy individuals," LeCerf said. "They recognize how to run an operation and they should be commended for it."

Deno Groumoupis, general manager of local restaurant A&G, does his best to prepare for the various breaks and slow business times throughout the year.

"We cut back some help

and payroll," Groumoupis said. "We try to get through it. It seems as though every year we function without the University being in session. It keeps going for us and we really appreciate that."

The balance between the heavy business, due to University-related events, and downtime during breaks helps businesses such as A&G survive.

"No one complains during football season or when we have a University function," Groumoupis said. "It's a part of business and we have to accept it. We are definitely grateful for the college and students; I do feel as though the University is the backbone for this business."

LeCerf recognizes the fact that most businesses operate in this fashion and it has created a consistency that has built a foundation throughout the town.

"If you look across the landscape of Maryville, there isn't a significant amount of opening and closing businesses," LeCerf said.

Junior Zach Farwell, board operator at KNRW,

spent his break in Maryville working at the radio station, taking the time off to take a look into what he feels the real business world is like.

"I was on a lot more adult schedule," Farwell said. "It was a little taste of the real world. We don't have spring break in the real world. It was a good growing up experience."

Farwell recognizes the difference between when classes are in session and when they are not in Maryville, and how the atmosphere of the town differs greatly.

"The town shuts down, I felt like I was in a ghost town," Farwell said. "I was the only one in Wells Hall some days, it was crazy."

LeCerf also notices the difference in atmosphere in the town, something he never wants to experience full-time.

"I certainly think students are a part of the community," LeCerf said. "I recognize the value and flavor they add to the community. Not seeing the University here is something I don't think anyone wants to see, I love having the University."

MoDOT opens Business 71 land for sale

By Leslie Nelson
Chief Reporter

The vacant land on the long stretch of Business 71 near the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites is for sale by sealed bid.

The Missouri Department of Transportation is selling 2.12 acres located west of 71 and south of Carefree Drive.

Buyers must send their bid to Bryan Bailey, MoDOT realtor for District 1, by 2 p.m. today.

"They would give us an

offer in bid form and then those will be opened at a later date," Bailey said.

There is no starting price for bids on the land. If MoDOT does not receive a high enough bid, the land will be put up for sale again at a later date.

Bailey said MoDOT does not have a use for the land.

"We have quite a bit of land that is in excess," Bailey said.

The profits will be used to continue road maintenance.

The land is zoned for

commercial use, or for-profit businesses such as restaurants, shops or offices.

"They would have to make sure that it met all the city's requirements," Bailey said.

While all utilities are available for the property, there is no access to the property from Business 71.

The new owner must contact the city of Maryville to apply for access.

MoDOT is also selling property in other districts across the state.

POLICE REPORTS

NODAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mar. 9

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported a robbery that occurred at their home that night.

A Maryville, Mo. subject reported property damage to his vehicle.

Mar. 10

Larry D. Scott, 53, Conception Jct., Mo. was arrested for harassment.

A Conception Jct., Mo. subject reported burglary from their home.

Mar. 12

Dale J. Frueh, 35, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful use of a loaded firearm by intoxication, and unlawful use of a firearm.

Timothy J. Bramble, 34, Hopkins, Mo. was arrested for two counts of domestic assault 2nd degree, one count abuse of child, and one count endangering the welfare of a child.

Mar. 14

A Hopkins, Mo. subject reported a theft that had occurred at their home.

Mar. 15

Roy L. Evans, 50, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on probation an parole.

Mar. 16

Hometown Auto Body reported that someone had trespassed and didn't pay their bill. After investigation Justin W. Metcalf, 27, Maryville, Mo. was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for theft/stealing.

Mar. 17

Dean M. Mackey, 48, Parnell, Mo. was arrested for child pornography.

Mar. 18

A Hopkins, Mo. subject

MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar. 5

Nicholas M. Zuk, 19, Overland Park, Kan. was charged with trespassing, minor in possession, and possession of altered I.D. at 600 block North Fillmore.

Mar. 6

Kristine R. McClain, 32, Maryville, Mo. was charged with driving without a valid driver's license at 2800 block South Main.

Mar. 11

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at 1600 block South Main.

Mar. 12

Jacob A. Vavra, 24, Maryville, Mo. was charged with driving while intoxicated and defective equipment at 400 block East 5th Street.

Mar. 13

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at 100 block West 9th Street.

Mar. 15

Christian P. Unger, 22, and Tiffany R. Sire, 20, both of Maryville, Mo. were charged with disorderly conduct and peace disturbance at 400 block West Lieber Street.

Mar. 15

Robert E. Wallace Jr., 30, Maryville, Mo. was charged with resisting arrest, driving while suspended, failure to comply, and failure to affix license plates at U.S. HWY 71 and U.S. HWY 71 bypass.

There was a grass fire reported at 27000 block Fawn Avenue.

Mar. 16

Aaron V. Winquist, 20, Iowa City, Iowa was charged with possession of another's I.D. at 400 block North Buchanan.

Spencer C. Solon, 20, Maryville, Mo. was charged with minor in possession at 400 block North Buchanan.

OUR VIEW - WHY WE SUCCEEDED

A dose of teamwork took us far

They strode onto the courts of the MIAA tournament as the No. 1 seed. They left games with accolades upon accolades, winning MVP honors and setting records at a blistering pace. And of course, they won more games than any other team in Northwest history and made our first ever appearance in the NCAA Division II Final Four.

These, along with the guiding hand of head coach Gene Steinmeyer, comprise some of the necessary ingredients for the once-in-a-million team. The most potent, however, is honest teamwork. The team graduated no seniors after last year's season,

giving the girls an extra year to establish their specific flavor of synergy.

Is it any wonder that they played with such cohesiveness after learning that they would frequently chill out and watch movies with coach Steinmeyer? To beat a tired old cliché into the ground, they were a team on and off the court.

As a team, they shared that familial accountability to each other, under a tacit agreement that they would fight tirelessly to not let down their fellow members. They had a collective stake in the success of each game, each play, each block and each drive – a stake shared equally by each team member wheth-

er in the paint or on the bench.

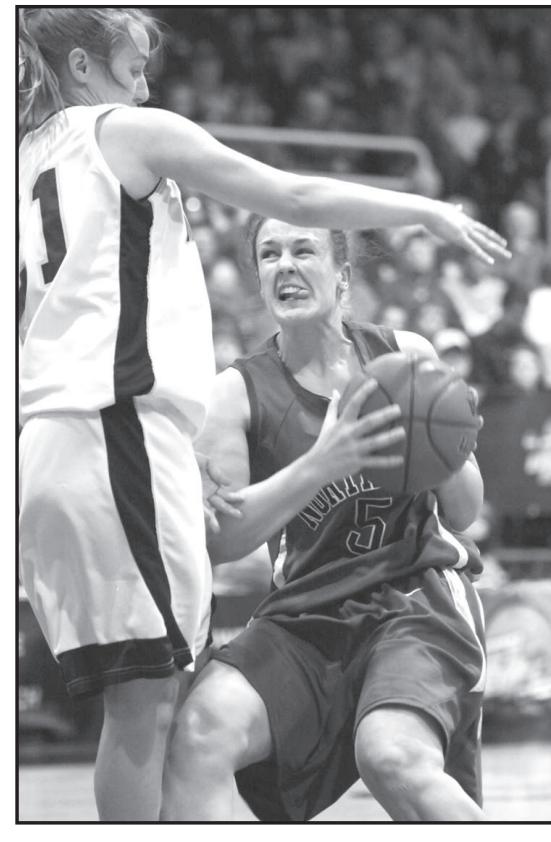
No one on the team brought an ego onto the court. Junior guard Abby Henry, for example, led the team in assists. With her talent, she could have competed with Gabby Curtis for the top scoring title. Instead, she sacrificed those personal statistics for the good of the squad.

This makes the 2010-11 Lady Bearcats' basketball team the trifecta of cooperation, drive and of course outright talent. Left alone, any one of these would not be enough to carry this squad to basketball's Holy Grail: The Final Four.

If you went to any of

the games this season, you witnessed fresh ink in the history books. Never before had some of these accomplishments happened, and it could be awhile before they happen again.

But if you missed the games and the hype, it is never too early to mark your calendar for next season. Yes, the 'Cats will graduate some highly talented seniors this year. However, the passion behind this season's skyrocketing success is still fresh in the minds of the younger team members. Between that, their binding teamwork mentality and the talent that remains, we could be in for another year of truly exciting basketball.

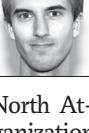


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Behind American imperialism in the Libyan conflict

Philip Gruenwald
 Associate Editor



Even after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization resumed authority of the controversial involvement in Libya, opponents from within American borders and elsewhere criticize the action as yet another example of Western imperialism. The movement has received such a bad rap that it seems necessary to give it a positive voice, though it could be a tad facetious.

In the interest of securing the foreign oil market, the Libyan intervention could create positive ties between the potential new world democratic power and countries claiming NATO membership. By protecting Libyan civilians and consequently advocating their rebellion, NATO has entered a courtship with the rebels that could make for a honeymoon of free oil management and open doors to fast-flowing oil exports from the world's 9th largest oil exporter.

Compared to the Iraq invasion of 2003, American and NATO forces have verifiable proof of a reason to take action. Moammar Gadhafi's publicized terror acts were much more vocal and public than the rumors of Weapons of Mass Destruction from several years ago, according to Peter Bergen, CNN national security analyst.

Compared to the potential invading of Syria to aid civilians in a similar outbreak of military-led violence, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said that the global outcry concerning Libyan welfare was surely an expensive endeavor, but it is not without potential. Obama believes it, Clinton believes it and the no-fly zone has won over more Americans than not. Maybe it is worth a second look.

much greater. On top of that, a U.N. Security Council resolution and an Arab League declaration to liberate the oppressed people was enough of a push to entice President Barack Obama and his administration to launch the no-fly zone.

Unrest in neighboring countries – Tunisia and Egypt – were enough to make the power struggle in Libya pressing enough to take action. Had the Libyan revolt gone horribly wrong, it could have had an aftershock effect disrupting Tunisia and Egypt's ongoing revolutions. Guiding the Libyan process not only gave those civilians a fair chance, but kept those in neighboring countries safe as well by posing NATO forces as a standing threat against their governments.

It could rejuvenate progress of peace in the Middle East, which is another prayer of Iraq's Operation New Dawn supporters. This "model citizen" approach works wonderfully in theory: as peacefully as possible, support a democratic insurrection by either suppressing the current leader or giving a boost to the rebels. Then, while teetering on the brink of a newly constructed government system, help draft new foundational documents modeled after America's. Once this "project country" proves successful, peaceful and willing to send more oil to the nation that gave it a leg up, other nearby countries will follow suit.

Policing other countries is surely an expensive endeavor, but it is not without potential. Obama believes it, Clinton believes it and the no-fly zone has won over more Americans than not. Maybe it is worth a second look.

CAMPUS TALK

Why do you think the women's basketball team did so well?



"They love the game. All components of it. The girls, the coach, even the smell of the court. Their intense focus is something to admire."

Jennifer McCoy
 Organizational
 Communications



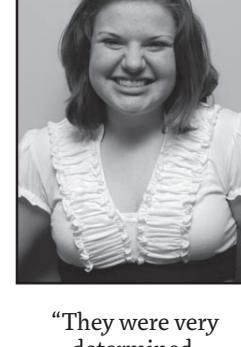
"The girls basketball team was successful because they worked as a team and weren't afraid to score when they needed to. They also played good defense and defense wins games."

Brandon Pratt
 Mathematics



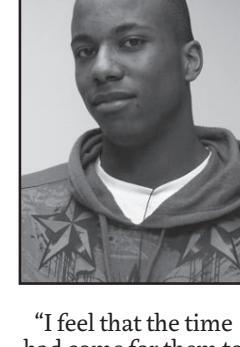
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"They were very determined, motivated and worked together well. They had great defense and wanted to win. Great job girls."

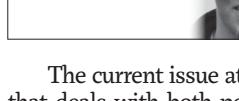
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"I feel that the time had come for them to let people know that they are ready to win. They showed teamwork and that made things easy. They did a great job."

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Balance, bipartisanship in Federal budget battle



The current issue at hand that deals with both political and economic conditions is the ongoing battle in Congress about reducing the Federal budget. The issue is facing serious criticisms from both ends of the aisle as Conservatives are adamant about cutting benefits from Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

On the other hand, Liberals are crying for military spending cuts as well as an increase in taxes. Both Democrats and Republicans no doubt have valid points about each step, as they all seem necessary in order to stop the Federal government from reaching its spending limit

and reducing the overall budget.

However, the problems start at each party's failure to find middle ground and reach a bipartisanship, a reoccurring problem that has only gotten worse in the first decade of the 21st century. Finding middle ground in the Federal budget is no easy feat, though, as it is not only national problems that affect our spending, but international problems as well.

The U.S. always faces pressure involving political uprising in the Middle East. Currently, the Libyan issue is one that the U.S. must deal with. Libya's leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, is refusing to step down despite protests and work stoppages among many of Libya's people. As a result of this, the U.S. Defense

Department cannot take a cut as it is currently initiating missile strikes throughout various parts of Libya in an attempt to remove Gadhafi from power. However, if we refuse to make cuts from certain programs, the Federal budget will reach its financial ceiling at the projected date of April 8. As a result, many in Congress are proposing that the U.S. raise its Federal budget limit.

However, raising the ceiling of the Federal budget has consequences. If Congress approves the spending hike, where should the line be drawn? If a serious financial change is not made soon, the United States government will no longer be able to repay loans and assets, its currency value will tumble to nothing and in short the Federal government will cease to func-

tion. To prevent this disaster from happening, cuts must clearly be made in certain areas. In addition to cutting certain programs, the people as a whole need to realize that we must raise the tax rate if we are to try and balance the budget and pay back the outstanding debts owed to other nations.

In order for these proposals to produce the kind of results that congressional members as well as the U.S. public want to see, more than just budget cuts and tax increases need to happen. The nation as a whole can no longer act as the unofficial world police and try and control every international situation that occurs. If we really want to balance our budget, we must rely on the U.N. and negotiations to achieve success.

WHAT THE DEUCE - THE FLIPSIDE OF CAPITALISM

Detroit loses 25 percent of its residents

In the nation's automotive Mecca, residents of every race are picking up roots and getting out. Detroit's population plummeted a frightening 25 percentage points between the 2000 and 2010 censuses despite a shrinking unemployment rate from 13.5 percent in February 2010 to 10.4 percent last month, according to the Detroit Free Press.

Meanwhile, political parties nationwide are taking sides in the blame game as to why a community so integral to the American auto industry has suffered so greatly. The World Socialist Web Site, a news center paying homage to the International Committee of the Fourth International, declared Detroit's depopulation "is a stark expression of the crisis and decay of American capitalism."

Preposterous as it may seem, the WSWS and others in the same camp would opt for a citywide

bailout if such a thing existed. However, those 240,000 former Detroit citizens would disagree. They chose to simply leave a failing city that had simply passed its prime, which is actually free-market capitalism in action.

Millions of other Americans make the same choice when they drive past Chevy and Ford dealerships to purchase more efficient or higher-quality automobiles from Japan and Germany, and yet some Detroit faithful would chide them for this.

Perhaps global consumerism encouraged the downfall of the American auto industry and its hometown. Maybe it was the high cost of oil. Whatever the reason, another automaker with its factories in a different American city will take Detroit's place on the top of the heap. A little friendly competition could only help us at this point.



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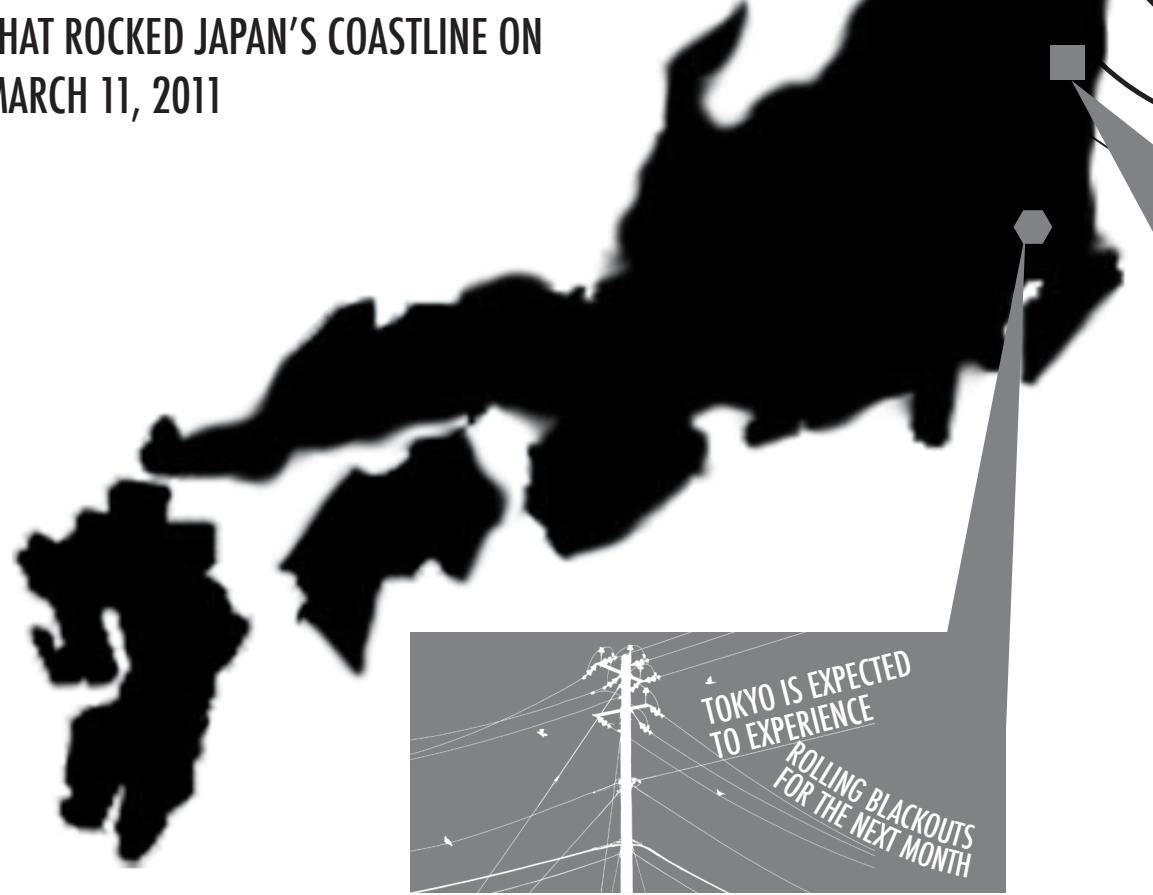
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Earthquake victims continue to recover

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

Still recovering from the largest earthquake to rock the country of Japan, residents are preparing to adjust to a new lifestyle with recent scares of radiation and aftershocks.

While firefighters are still trying to relieve the concern by spraying water over nuclear power plants in an attempt to avert a meltdown, Japan raised the accident level at the damaged Fukushima Nuclear

Plant from four to five on a seven-point international danger scale for automatic accidents.

With news of the earthquake no longer plastered across the CNN screen, it is important to remember that Japan is still in recovery mode from the earthquake. Residents are still finding places to live and looking for those still missing. The confirmed death toll from the disaster sits at 7,348 and 11,746 people are listed as missing as of Saturday, according to BBC

News.

CNNMoney.com estimated the cost of damages from Hurricane Katrina to be about \$125 billion, where the cost of damages in Japan are estimated to be over \$300 billion. Until the Japanese earthquake, Hurricane Katrina was the most expensive natural disaster in history.

Around 50 U.S. military personnel started cleaning up mud and debris at a school in Ishinomaki on Wednesday in cooperation with local people. The school was flooded as a

result of the earthquake and is one of the hundreds of buildings Japanese residents are trying to put back together.

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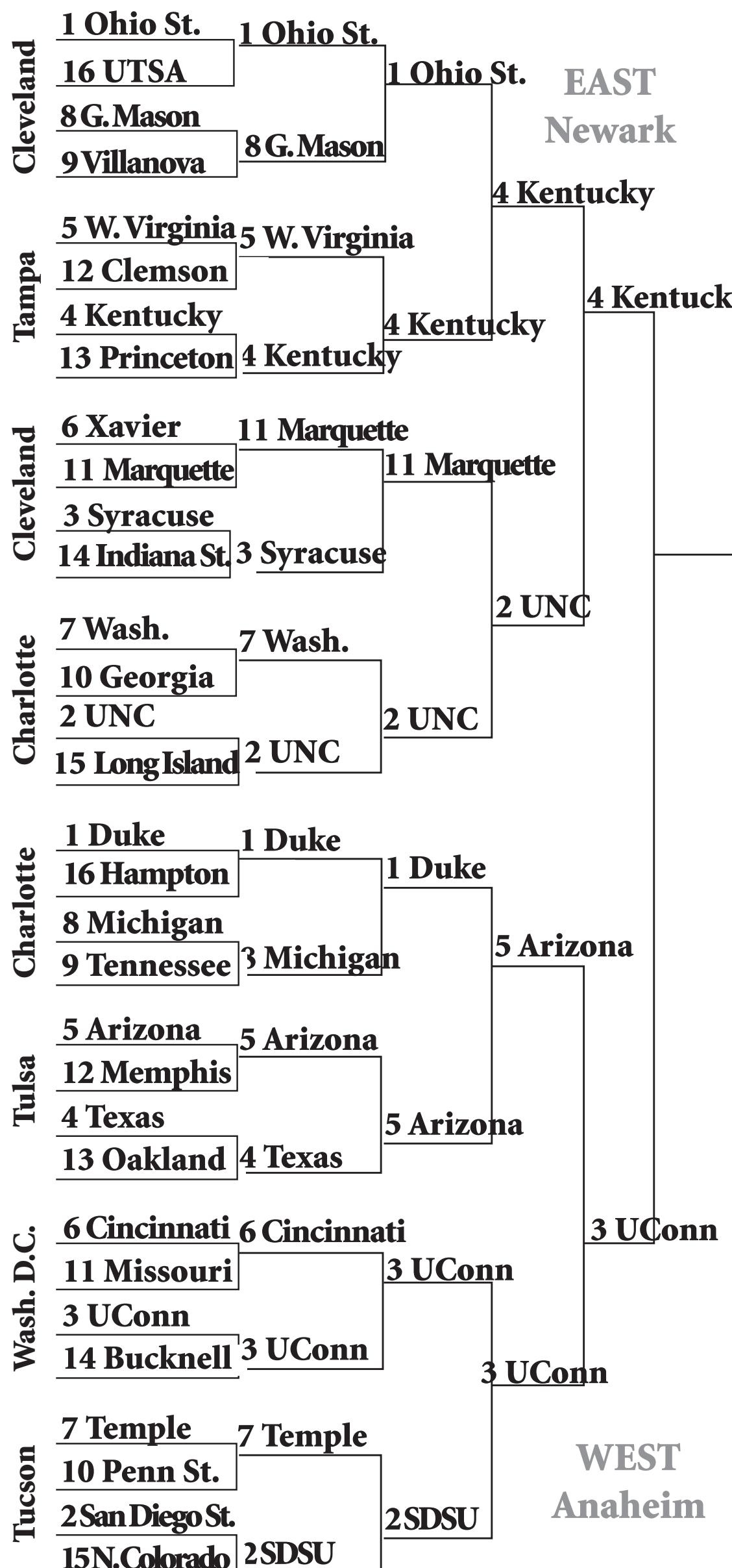
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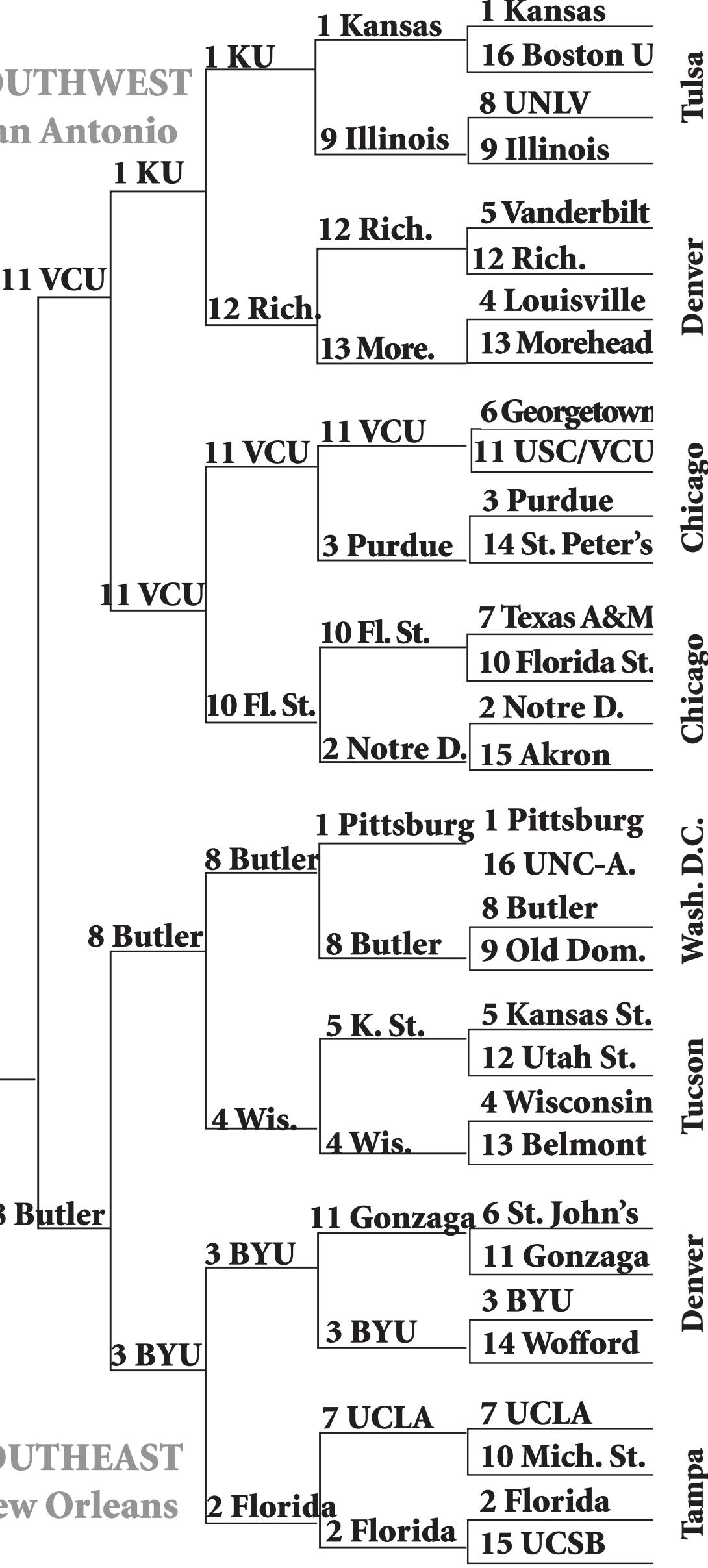
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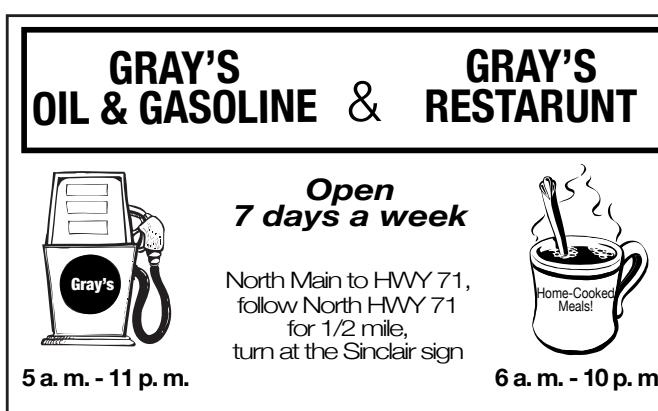
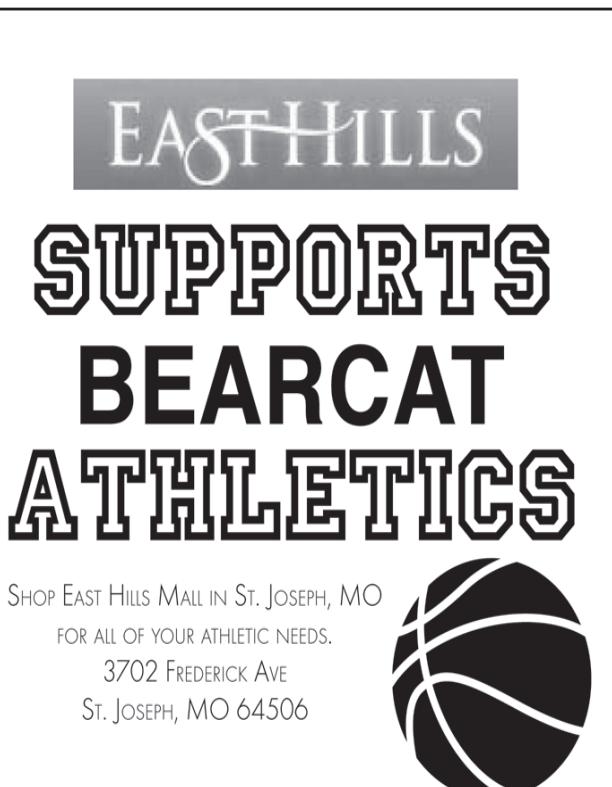
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WOMEN

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them and say, 'Let's hang out, watch a movie.' And they would be like, 'Okay.' It was just a nice bunch of girls that we just all bonded really well together."

Senior guard Gabby Curtis earned All-American honors – the first in women's basketball history at Northwest – after leading the conference in scoring with 18.3 points per game. Curtis supplied a scoring threat anytime she touched the ball, no matter what defense the Bearcats faced, Steinmeyer said.

"You can only be the first once," Steinmeyer said. "The fact that Gabby was the one that broke through – the team success allowed Gabby to have individual success. Gabby's not a selfish player. As the team succeeded, Gabby got more confident. That's the way that thing all evolved."

The near-home court advantage was not enough for Northwest to take down Michigan Tech in the semi-finals in St. Joseph, Mo. The

Cats fell to the Huskies 89-78.

"It was unreal," Roehrig said. "We weren't sure that that many people came when they were saying that the tickets sold out at our box office here in Maryville... Even Mo. West fans were supporting us. Even St. Joe was supporting us. There were just so many fans there – ex-players. A couple of them came up to us before the game and were like, 'We can't wait to see what you guys have.' It was just great to know that people wanted us to do so well."

After the loss, Steinmeyer's message for the team was simple.

"The locker room is a pretty emotional place – both for players and coaches – to me, I just don't want to stretch it out, I want to get the players to their families," Steinmeyer said. "I just told them to hold their heads up high and walk out of here proud and that's about all we said."

The next task for Steinmeyer is replacing the program's first All-American, Curtis, MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Roehrig, and senior posts Gentry Dietz and Melissa Nyquist.

the team after this incident.

Lanus is also a former member of the Northwest football team. He graduated last summer with a degree in Corporate Recreation and Wellness. Lanus says he did not know Sanders, Tate or Jones before the incident.

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Sanders had no comment on the incident. Tate and Jones were not available for contact.

CATTLE

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presentations of heifers between six months and over a year old and yearling steers. Heifers are female cattle that have not yet given birth and steers are castrated male cattle.

Heifers are judged based on age and breed while steers are judged on their weight and the type and amount of muscle they have. According to Reedy, steers are often judged on how many pounds of quality beef they can provide.

The youth who will showcase their calves or cattle are taught how to lead them and groom them using specific techniques like combing and cutting their hair a certain way.

"The cattle are led in a show ring with a stick comparable to a golf club. It is used to move and position their feet a certain way," Reedy said. "This is like a sport for these kids,

where they can excel and where we as members can give back to the groups we were involved in as kids."

Block and Bridle has been able to achieve this in the planning of the cattle show with the financial assistance from sponsorships and Student Senate.

"It was a bold undertaking for us to plan this cattle show on our own because we are a new club. We have only been around for four years and are not really established yet. We are extremely grateful to Student Senate for their contribution to this event," Reedy said.

From finding a judge for the show and a location to hold it, to asking for sponsorship and acquiring insurance, the planning has been extensive. Callie Walker, the faculty advisor for Block and Bridle, is amazed at the hard work the students have put into planning this event.

"I am very proud of the Block and Bridle students, it shows great leadership and initiative to take their idea of having a cattle show and planning and executing it," Walker

said.

Block and Bridle selected Sam Rucker, newly hired beef herdsmen for Northwest farms, to be their judge for this year's cattle show. Rucker's qualifications for this position include his upbringing around cattle, his personable nature and his experience judging on Kansas State's Livestock Judging team last year, who were the 2010 Reserve National Champions.

Awards will be given for breed champion, overall grand champion, which equates to first place in the show and reserve champion, which is second place. All winners will receive a wall hanging award inscribed with the title of the award received and Northwest cattle show.

In addition to Student Senate, the sponsors will receive recognition at the event in return for their support. This recognition will differ depending on the sponsorship level of the sponsor. Sponsors at the white sponsorship level are listed in the program passed out to attendees of the show. Black

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level sponsors are listed in the book and announced during the show prior to the start of the competition. Sponsorships received from green level sponsors will have their name in the book, announced recognition and a door prize and platinum level sponsors will receive all of these, in addition to a special sign as a thank-you.

Block and Bridle's cattle show received the added benefit to be a point show by the Missouri State Club Calf Show Association. Participants receive points for each show at which they present their steer, heifer or calf.

As a point show, their cattle show will be advertised on the association's website and will inform their members of this event in hopes of drawing a larger audience.

Reedy is hoping that the success of this event will create more recognition for Northwest's agriculture program and draw a larger crowd to each year's cattle show and other events held by the organization.

OUTBACK

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Campobassa.

"I grabbed the man on top of Anthony and pulled him outside to the smoke deck area. Some of the men followed me and held the door shut so the other bouncers could not get through and there for a couple minutes it was chaos," Lanus said.

Lanus stated he was hit several times before going down on a knee.

All three accused are former Northwest football players but Sanders was the only one involved, having suited up for the last season. Head football coach Scott Bostwick removed the men from

the team after this incident.

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BOARD

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raises either. The Finance Committee addressed that these two trends can no longer continue.

According to Provost Doug Dunham, it would cost roughly \$1.5 million to bring all 739 of Northwest's faculty, support staff and administrative staff up to the market average. With the

Finance Committee's proposal, the tuition increases would add an increase of 1.3 percent to the salary line, bringing just those furthest behind up to the average. That could include some of the estimated 60 staff employees who are paid below the poverty level.

However, these needs come at a time when state appropriations have dropped 12.1 percent over the past four years.

"We need to start living within our means," Lydia

Hurst, Board of Regents president, said. "...Where is the money going to come from? Salaries make up 55 percent of our budget."

The tuition increases

join those of nearby universities which have also risen, including Missouri Western State University who raised tuition by 9.5 percent. Comparatively, Kansas State University's tuition went up by 4 percent.

Northwest had previously set itself apart from these institutions by re-

taining all faculty positions during the hard economical times. Faced with a lower tuition increase than expected, those positions may not find the funding to keep them at Northwest.

"We have to go back and look at a range of factors," Jasinski said. "We have our mandatory expenses that you have to cover no matter what and utility increases, but we're now going to have to look at obviously the human asset part of the organization."

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The social media revolution

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by Ben Lawson on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 12:31 am

When social networking sites first became popular, people assumed it was a trend and it would pass but there is no sign social networking will be going out of fashion anytime soon. According to Facebook, there are over 400 million users on the site. That means that if Facebook were a country, based on its number of users, it would be the third largest in the world.

The rise in popularity of social media sites like Facebook, Myspace and Twitter was stunning. Now however social media is a key factor in the way we communicate, learn and even think.

Eric Qualman, the author of "Socialnomics," believes social media is an important and lasting part of our society. He states the growth of social media is the biggest change in society since the industrial revolution.

"Social media is more than a fad, it's a fundamental shift in the way we communicate," Qualman said.

According to S. Craig Watkins, the author of "The Young and the Digital," social media has created the most well connected generation of all time. People can access social networking sites anywhere they want using a cell phone or laptop.

Assistant professor of the Mass Communications department Fred Lamer worries social media may have a negative impact on personal communication.

Lamer feels that young people are more comfortable sending texts or communicating online than physically speaking to one another.

He compares the growth of social media to the invention of the printing press.

"When Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press, it was more than just creating a newspaper," Lamer said. "It changed the way business, government and religion was conducted. It even changed the way people think. I think there is a strong argument for digital technology to have an equal or even greater impact."

Lamer believes there will be a new advancement in technology that will change the way we communicate just like the printing press and digital media did but there is no way to determine when or what that will be.

Lamer says the way we learn is even effected by social media. He says the majority of research is done from computers.

"The best function a library has now is to provide computers and meeting space, nobody uses the stacks anymore. (Research) is all done by keyword search," Lamer said.

In 2009, The U.S. Department of Education revealed that online students out performed students getting in-class instruction. Online classes give students flexibility in their schedule making an education more accessible for nontraditional students. Instructors can maintain a high quality of education with a growing number of students and keep classes cost-effective.

Activist Wael Gohnim credited Facebook as the reason for the success of the recent Egyptian revolution in an interview with CNN. Gohnim says he used Facebook to organize youth for a protest Jan. 25.

"The revolution started in June 2010 when hundreds of thousands of Egyptians started collaborating content (online)," Gohnim said, "We would post a video on Facebook that would be shared by 60,000 people on their walls within a few hours. I've always said if you want to liberate a society, just give them the internet."

People can communicate faster than ever because of social media. Messages can be sent across the world



Ben Lawson answered How many hours do you spend on social media a week with 5-10.



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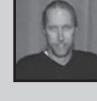
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2011 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

From Alice Cooper to Neil Diamond, there were eight new members added this month, recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in music.

What's NOT

Rebecca Black's unfortunate music career

"Friday, Friday..." Everyone's buzzing about the YouTube phenomenon that has received millions of hits, including death threats and unflattering remarks about the eighth grader.

President Obama's unclear take on Libya

In his speech Tuesday night, the president announced that the United States is now receding to a "supporting role" in the campaign against the Libyan leader. While he addressed some questions, he neglected to speak about specific involvement and if this could potentially turn into another Iraq war.

Sucker Punch doesn't pack much

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
 Feature Editor

While visually stunning and playful, "Sucker Punch" could not be called anything more than mindless fun, heavy emphasis on the mindless. The film's director clearly took a shot in the dark that never hit anything substantial.

The plot line creates a story so confusing for audiences that most walk out of the theater wondering if they had missed something, the clear answer is no. Exciting with visual and audio effects, the film is more of a two hour music video than a movie, altogether begging for better writing.

The idea of "Sucker Punch" is that it is a world within a world, within a world. In that sense, each imaginary dance/battle scene we encounter is merely a figment of the main character Baby Doll's imagination. Baby Doll (Emily Browning) is the daughter of a wealthy woman who dies in the

beginning of the film due to illness with dreary rainy scenery around her, cue the angry stepfather, and our movie begins. When he learns he is not receiving any money after the death, the stepfather takes the news out on Baby Doll's little sister. Enraged and scared, Baby Doll attempts to shoot her stepfather, accidentally killing her younger sister. With one daughter gone, the evil stepfather tries to do away with the other by taking her to a hospital for the insane, scheduling a lobotomy with the corrupt owner Blue.

Rather than accept that she is falsely imprisoned in an institutional hospital, Baby Doll creates a world where she is part of a brothel run by Blue, who takes the role of a pimp, and she has an appointment with the High Roller (as opposed to a lobotomy). Baby Doll meets a handful of attractive women in the brothel, making friends immediately after revealing her gift of dance in front

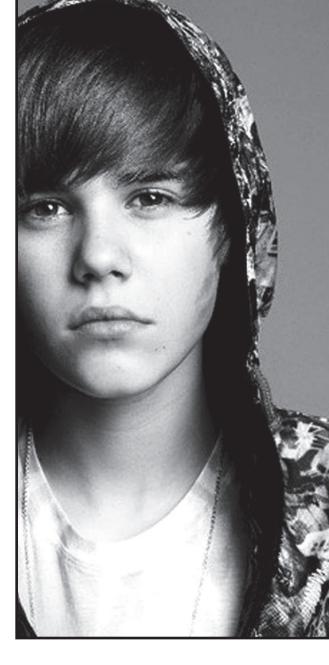
of all of them. Do not get excited though, gentlemen, we never see her dance. Baby Doll creates an alternative universe that she "battles" during her dancing sessions. After making friends with the other girls, they join her battle scenes in an effort to achieve items needed in order to escape the brothel.

The plot is just something that is there to explain the visuals in the same way that a video game would send you on a quest to achieve the plans from the insanely well guarded enemy stronghold. The film is so busy trying to be cool, that it forgets to actually do anything in terms of attaching you to the characters. By the end of the film, you are left walking out, going over the plotline in your head over and over trying to find its purpose.

In the end, the movie was definitely visually entertaining, partnered with good music, but do not expect to follow a true or consistent story here as you will be left unsatisfied.



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Internet fads Your Man will not participate in

You know the old saying, "As much as things change, things stay stupidly trendy and pointless especially if the hottest market is preteen girls?" Maybe I'm not remembering that correctly, but boy did Nelson Mandela ever have a good point: Just because something is new, and your neighbor's bratty offspring use it as a Petri dish to harvest newer, more deadly strains of Bieber fever, doesn't mean it's something you need to have.

We'll start with YouTube. Remember the early days of YouTube? You know, The Evolution of Dance, getting Rick-rolled (or duck-rolled, depending on which black abyss of the Internet subculture you call your home) and Kelly's Shoes? Skip ahead a few years and it's

all "Thumbs up if the Glee finale brought you here!" and "571 people missed the thumbs up LOL XD." Internet, there's a reason you don't have thumbs – you're the friggin' Internet.

Pandora, you've got to go. I can't tell you how many times I overhear the following exchange: "Ohmigawd, guess what totally came up on my Pandora today?" "Ooh! Don't Stop Believing?" "No, Jack Johnson! It's going to be a great day!" Guess what? Fate didn't choose "Upside Down" for you; a clever programming algorithm invented by a 45-year-old MIT dropout living in his mom's basement did. And if Jack Johnson is the secret to your happiness, break a few bucks and buy his CD (Compact Disc. Look it up).

Twitter. I shouldn't even have to say anything about this one.

And now the moment you've all been waiting for. Scoot to the end of your seat as the almighty Facebook makes its way to the butcher's block and... escapes unscathed. What? The very source of teenage narcissism and a sickening value on social hierarchy earns my full approval?

For the most part, yes. A few of you ruin it for the rest of us with your swarm of invites (still not interested in Farmville and Mafia Wars) but the social media kingpin still does more good than harm. For now, at least.

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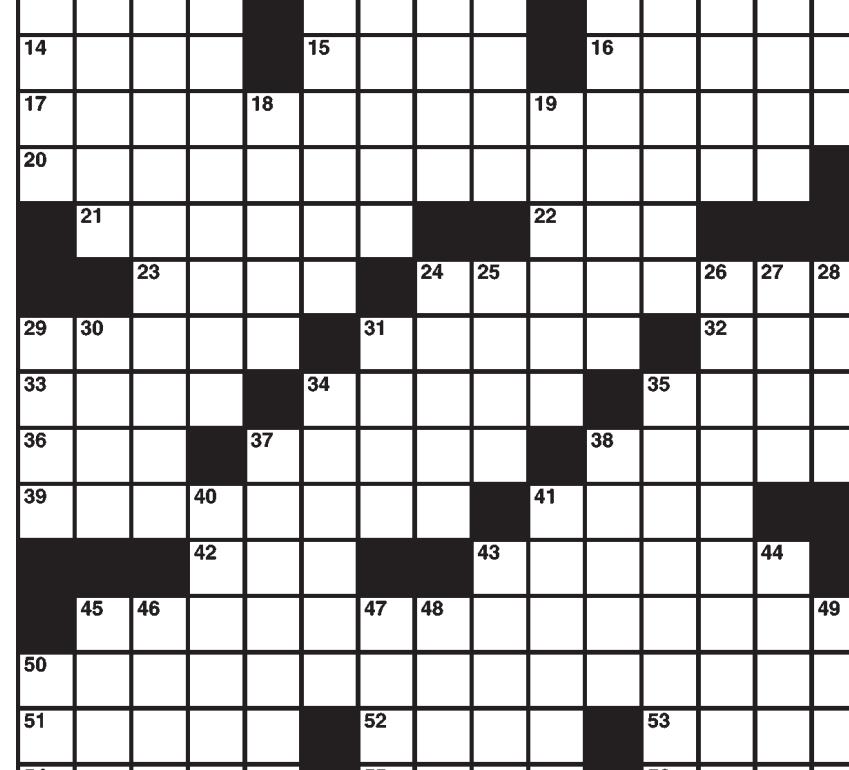
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Baseball hits the field

Offense slow to heat up, mistakes cost 'Hounds

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

A seventh inning rally by the Spoofhound baseball team fell just short on Monday night at Hyde Park in St. Joseph, Mo. against Benton.

"It was bad (not being able to complete the comeback), but I was proud of those guys," head coach Tom Scarbrough said. "It was disheartening, but at the same time, it was rewarding because I know they can do it."

Benton put four runs on the board in the third inning and added another four in the fifth to go up 8-2.

"We challenged the kids. I said, 'Let's just pretend like the deficit is six runs,'" Scarbrough said. "And let's play make believe and let's get three runs, then let's get two more, so down the road we can practice making a comeback. Let's use this as a teachable moment and practice what it takes to make a comeback."

"It was quite a turning point, I hope."

Maryville scored another two runs in the sixth inning, only to see the Cardinals counter with two more runs of their own.

The 'Hounds scored five runs in the top of the seventh, but it was not enough to complete the comeback as Maryville fell to 0-2 on the

season.

Junior Cole Lawyer suffered the loss for the Spoofhounds. Sophomores Tyler Tripp and Michael Butler each went 2-for-4 at the plate with a RBI. Lawyer and sophomore Jonathan Baker each had two RBIs to lead the 'Hounds.

In the opening game of the season, on March 22, Maryville fell 11-1 at the hands of Savannah.

"They're just a little bit more than we, and many at this time, can handle," Scarbrough said. "They're very talented and I think that night we got their third or fourth pitcher. They've got more in their arsenal. They're good and that's where we want to be."

The Savages scored early and often, going up 6-0 after three innings of play.

Junior Payton Scarbrough drove in the 'Hounds' lone run on a solo home run in the top of the fourth inning.

"Payton hit that home run and it got everyone back focused on what we were doing," Scarbrough said. "We played well after that. We didn't score, but we had runners on, we made good plays."

Maryville opens up conference play at 4:30 p.m. today in St. Joseph, Mo. against Lafayette.

"I don't know what to think about Lafayette," Scarbrough said. "I know they've got some talented young men on that team. I anticipate them being in the same boat (as we are). They're rebuilding, we're rebuilding."

Young team gets beat up, grabs early win

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

Coming into the year with an inexperienced squad, the Maryville boys track team got out of the blocks well, but without staying healthy.

The Spoofhounds won the Bruce Jenner Invitational held at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa. However, the injury bug bit the team hard and four 'Hounds left the meet with injuries.

"I'm happy that we won the meet and everything, our kids competed hard," boys track head coach Chris Holt said. "Our big-

gest concern is that we got so injured. We left the meet with four kids iced up and they're not practiced this week. We're really short-handed right now as far as veterans going into next week for two tough meets — at Nebraska City and at Chillicothe."

Junior distance runner Ryan Vandivert claimed Maryville's only individual win — claiming the 800 meter run with a time of 2:16.56. The 4x400 m relay team also took home first place with a time of 4:04.62.

"We are just beat up right now," Holt said. "... Right now we're resting a lot

of kids. The problem with that is when you rest kids they don't get conditioned so now when they come back from injury, they're behind. It's not a good situation."

The girls kicked off their season in Cameron on Friday, but no times were recorded at the event.

The boys and girls return to action Tuesday in Nebraska City, Neb.

"Boys Town's there next week at Nebraska City and they're always just really, really tough," Holt said. "We needed everybody, and needed to have our best day to really have a chance to beat them."



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SENIOR FORWARD AMY Van de Ven kicks the ball during a blustery practice on Tuesday at Maryville Middle School. The 'Hounds are currently on a two game winning streak.

Soccer starts season on right foot

By Chris Schoonover
Missourian Reporter

Also contributing to the scoring load was sophomore forward Alyssa Stiens with two goals.

In their second game of the week, the 'Hounds overcame a slow start to tackle Lafayette 7-2.

The 'Hounds kicked things off right, shutting out Cameron 8-0 after gaining a quick 6-0 advantage in the first half.

"It was good to see them play most of the game on the Cameron half," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "We had an advantage because we had more players than they had."

Senior forward Amy Van de Ven filled up the net with four goals and added an assist.

The first goal of the game did not come until the 38th minute of the first half, with the second goal coming a minute later.

The scoring barrage picked up in the second half as they added another five goals.

"We went to the locker

room and mapped things out," Oludaja said. "When the Lafayette players came out for the second half they were already spent."

Junior midfielder Mackenzie O'Donnell led the Spoofhounds with two goals.

Stiens had one goal and one assist, contributing to the offensive onslaught.

"I keep emphasizing to them about the accuracy of our passes and our intensity," Oludaja said. "I have the girls with all the potential, but it's all about getting them to get it together."

The 'Hounds will test their winning way as they host Savannah today at 4:30 p.m. at the Maryville Middle School.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

Gentry Dietz



Senior post Gentry Dietz was named to the Elite Eight All-Tournament team. She averaged 24.5 points and 10.5 rebounds in the tournament.

Jenna Creger



Sophomore pitcher Jenna Creger went 3-0 this weekend against Washburn and Fort Hays State. She collected 16 strikeouts while giving up just four runs.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior post Taylor Gadbois was named to the Missouri Sportswriters and Sports-casters Association's Class 3 All-State first-team in addition to her all-district nod.

Amy Van de Ven



Senior Amy Van de Ven scored four goals in Maryville's 8-0 win over Cameron on March 22 and added another goal in the 7-2 win over Lafayette.

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JUNIOR ALEC ROSALES tags out a runner as he attempts to steal second base last Saturday against Fort Hays State. The 'Cats won both games of the doubleheader 4-1, 9-0.

Men, women enter second-half stretch

By Orlando Carrizales
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat tennis teams hit the court hard over spring break.

On March 22, No. 27 Southwest Baptist rolled into town.

No. 29 senior Malcolm Harrison, who was named MIAA Player of the Week, lost his first set against No. 45 sophomore Domingos Carissimo in singles 6-4. Harrison came back to win the next two sets 7-6, 10-4.

Senior Vijit Sehgal went up against junior Jorge Palacios. Sehgal fell short in the first set 5-7, but climbed back to take the next two sets 6-4, 10-4.

In doubles, Sehgal and junior Calvin Patterson suffered their first loss this season. No. 31 Carissimo and Palacios won the match 9-7.

The women were not as lucky and lost 6-3. Freshman Alexis Bartek earned the only win in singles for the 'Cats, winning in three sets.

Last Wednesday, the women traveled to Kansas City, Mo. to play Missouri-Kansas City.

Senior Sureena Weir earned a win in straight sets. In doubles, Weir and junior Alison Wulff won 9-7 for the 'Cats' only other win.

Next, the 'Cats traveled to Kirksville, Mo. on Thursday to face Truman State. The

men won all of their doubles matches to shut out Truman 5-0 while the women also won, 5-2.

On Friday, the teams again went to Kansas City to face Midwestern State University.

The men split singles 3-3, but won doubles 2-1.

Senior Daniel Quesada pulled out a close win during his singles match. Quesada won six straight points in the third set to win the match 7-6, 4-6, 10-8.

Sehgal and Harrison also won their individual matches to remain undefeated this season.

The women were shut out, 5-0, against the Mustangs.

"They are doing better," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "It's a rebuilding year for us on the women, but I think we are competing pretty well."

On Saturday, the women faced Lincoln University and shut out the Tigers 5-0.

With less than half the season left, the men are 3-0 in the MIAA and 10-3 overall. The women are 3-2 in conference play and 5-6 overall.

"We're getting ready for the second half of the season," Rosewell said. "We're going to try to take it all to the conference tournament at the end of the month."

The men's and women's teams play at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Tulsa, Okla., against Newman (Kan.).

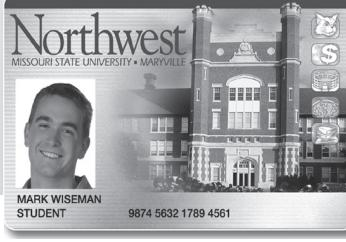
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Hit-by-pitch salvages 1 game against Truman

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Sophomore centerfielder Evan Connell stepped to the plate in the bottom of the seventh with two outs and the bases loaded. The moment every player dreams of being the hero.

Connell's moment took a different route, however, when he was hit by a pitch and the game-winning run scored.

The pitch that hit Connell saved the Northwest baseball team from a sweep at the hands of Truman at Bearcat Field on Monday.

Senior Kenny Brengle threw six-and a 1/3 scoreless innings and gave up only two hits, but senior Jayson Huett was credited with the win after coming in to get the final two outs.

The Bearcats were three outs away from splitting the four game series, going up 3-0 after the first in-

ning in the final game of the series, but Huett gave up four runs in the ninth inning.

Northwest could not answer in the bottom of the inning and fell 4-3.

Huett went all nine innings and registered 13 strikeouts.

The 'Cats lost games one and two on Sunday by a combined score of 4-0.

Truman State scored in the first, second and third innings to win game one 3-0. An error in the fifth inning of game two allowed a run to cross the plate and sent the 'Cats to defeat.

Northwest takes on rival Missouri Western this weekend. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m. tomorrow in St. Joseph, Mo.

The 'Cats and Griffons will play two seven inning games on Saturday and close the series with a nine inning contest at noon on Sunday.



SETH COOK | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

SENIOR DESIGNATED HITTER Dacey Hassey makes contact with the ball in a win against Nebraska-Kearney on March 15 at Bearcat Field. The 'Cats are on a four-game winning streak following their double-header sweep of Fort Hays State on Saturday.

Hassey lifts team to sweep of Fort Hays

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

The Bearcat softball team summoned some seventh inning magic against Fort Hays State Saturday, after losing a pair of games to seventh inning rallies a week earlier.

That magic came in the form of a five-run offensive outburst in Hays, Kan.

The 'Cats jumped out on top of the Tigers 5-0 through the third inning, but watched as their five-run lead turned into a three-run deficit by the end of the sixth inning.

With one out in the seventh, sophomore second baseman Hailee Hendricks kick started the rally with a double. Senior catcher Kristen Hessel followed

that with a hit-by-pitch. In stepped designated hitter Dacey Hassey and out went Fort Hays' lead when Hassey cranked a three-run home run.

Two more runs were tacked on and sophomore Jenna Creger slammed the door on the Tigers to close out the come-from-behind win. The win capped off the sweep of the Tigers, as the 'Cats took game one 2-1 and game two 10-8.

"(The rally) was just something that we kept swinging the bat," Anderson said. "We're down three in the late inning and we just kept swinging the bat and wanting to win."

Senior outfielder Kit Daugherty extended a season-high hitting streak to 15 games against the Ti-

gers. She finished the series 3-for-9 and collected a triple and RBI in the double-header.

"She's going up there confident and knowing she can hit," Anderson said. "Every plate appearance, she has the same approach; she's going up there like she's expecting to hit. Hopefully it keeps going."

Creger picked up the win in both outings, throwing seven complete innings in the opener, striking out six, and picked up the decision after coming in for two innings of relief work.

The sweep improved Northwest to 15-7 overall (4-0 MIAA), and notched back-to-back conference series sweeps for the 'Cats.

"With this conference it's huge because three of those games could have gone either way," Anderson said. "We could be sitting here at 1-3 right now. Having four wins going into our second weekend now, those are big wins for us... this is a tough conference, so wins are wins."

Northwest swept Washburn last Friday, 7-2 and 3-2.

"Luckily, they went our way... both games, we weren't sharp," Anderson said. "It wasn't that we had errors and stuff, we just made mental mistakes."

The 'Cats take their four-game winning streak into a double-header with Pittsburg State. First game is at 3 p.m. Friday in Pittsburg, Kan.

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Pastime provides relief

Tony Botts
Sports Editor



Let me get this straight: no snow to be seen covering the ground, temperatures slowly climbing to tolerable levels and a campus full of students sporting spring break tans? That can mean only one thing: baseball season is here.

Opening Day is my personal favorite 24 hours of the year and one of America's most patriotic days (a national holiday, if you ask me).

It's a time when bleacher bums can crawl out of their caves from hibernation and can trade in their parkas and mittens for flip flops and baseball gloves.

It's time to put the high tops and pigskins away and focus on America's first and true pastime. If you're searching for reasons to get excited for this year's 162-game grind, look no further.

Thanks to the NFL Lockout, baseball is going to be every sports fan's perfect getaway from the ugly sneering and bickering between owners and players on the gridiron.

MLB will not only benefit from the NFL's possible absence, but will take advantage of the numerous story lines surrounding baseball this season.

First off, the Kansas City Royals still might stink this year, but fans will finally get a real glimpse at the farm system that many scouts have been saying is the hottest in the big leagues, with future sluggers Mike Moustakas and Eric Hosmer on the verge of terrorizing American League pitching for years to come. Throw in some of the young arms, Aaron Crow, Mike Montgomery and John Lamb, that will be buckling knees and shaving batters' bats off from the mound, and you've got a farm system gold mine.

Dayton Moore has held up his end of the deal and now it's time for the young guns to flash the leather and swing the sticks.

Moving over to the National League, the Phillies aren't in bad shape for the moment either. With four aces on their staff and a fifth man who knows how to win, the Phils' fans could be in store for one heck of a summer. For a team that wasn't lacking any firepower on the mound, or nasty stuff for that matter, they sure didn't hurt themselves with the addition of Cliff Lee, who was a combined 12-9 with the Texas Rangers and Seattle Mariners.

Unfortunately for the natives of the "City of Brothery Love," pitching might keep runs off the board, but it never puts run on it. Manager Charlie Manuel

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UNO's absence creates financial headache

Athletic department uses funds, resources to fill void left by Nebraska-Omaha's departure

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

Rest assured, there will be football in Maryville on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Eastern New Mexico University, from the Lone Star Conference, will travel to Bearcat Stadium for a rare midseason non-conference game.

"We wanted to get someone who was a good quality opponent," Athletic Director Wren Baker said. "I think it's important for the fans that they don't feel like you're bringing in someone who's not going to be entertaining. So, we looked at the power conferences in D-II first."

However, what will remain missing is the large amount of funds, \$34,000 to be exact, needed to fill the vacated date.

"From a profit perspective from the University, we won't make much," Baker said. "Typically, a guarantee at this level will be between \$25-30,000. So, they didn't break the account necessarily on us, but it is a higher guarantee than we have traditionally had to pay."

Putting things into perspective, Baker esti-

mated the Texas A&M-Kingsville game last fall carried a \$30,000 guarantee.

While the athletic department is footing the bill for the updated schedule, the football team and staff are not lacking in support.

"Our athletic department is who's coming up with that money," head coach Scott Bostwick said. "It's a pretty substantial amount (of money) and it goes back to our athletic director's commitment to getting that other game. He was all on board."

"We knew how important it was for Maryville and the community to have another home game. My staff and I and Wren attacked this full steam ahead and it ended up working out really well."

After MIAA Commissioner Bob Boerigter constructed a full slate of football schedules, completed through 2015, Nebraska-Omaha inconveniently issued their withdrawal from the conference. Their departure goes into effect next fall.

While the Bearcats struggled and frantically searched to fill the void left in their schedule, which was eventually filled by the Greyhounds,

UNO players must now figure where their futures lie.

Bostwick said he wishes he could help every athlete, but admits he only has so much in the budget to distribute as aid.

The average guaranteed amount for non-conference teams

**\$25,000-
\$30,000**

"We sat down and looked at where we were at from a scholarship standpoint," Bostwick said. "Our limit is 36. We only have 36 scholarships that we slice and dice up the best we can. We stretch that as far as we can...we said 'We have this amount of money to spend on new guys and Omaha guys.' That's our budget. That's what we're working on."

Bostwick said six Mavericks visited campus Monday with high interest in the program. One player has already verbally committed to the Bearcats. Bostwick could not release the student-athlete's name because of NCAA restrictions.

"That's a good start. We'd like a few more to maybe decide (to commit)," Bostwick said. "We had some good players up, (some of Omaha's) better players. Maybe that will get a couple more of the other guys to commit."



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Last year's record: 5-6

Returning notable players*:

QB Wesley Wood-First-Team All-Lone Star Conference North Division, LSC North Co-Offensive Back of the Year, 2011: 3,312 passing yards, 30 TDs, 337.18 yards per game (ninth nationally)

WR Jessie Poku-First-Team LSC North Division, 2011: 86 catches, 932 yards 11 TDs

S Tillman Stevens-First-Team LSC North Division, 2011: 122 total tackles, 2 sacks, 6 interceptions, 1 TD

DE Matt Kalisch-First-Team LSC North Division, 2011: 56 total tackles, 15.5 TFL, 9.5 sacks



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